

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action dated March 6, 2007, the only claims under examination, Claims 62 and 63, were rejected as being obvious in view of the disclosure of the cited Small patent when combined with the disclosure of the cited Rissman patent. In response, those two claims have been replaced with new Claims 69-77, including one independent Claim 69 directed to a digital camera, and comprising:

a memory (7) configured to store image data of a photographed image;
a communication unit (3) configured to transmit image data to a printer;
a conversion unit (9) configured to convert image data of a first format into image data of a second format; and
a control unit (5) configured to decide (Figs. 29 and 30) whether the image data of the first format (Root A in Fig. 28) or the image data of the second format converted by said conversion unit (Root B in Fig. 28) is to be transmitted by said communication unit based on a communication speed and a configuration of the printer, and to cause said communication unit to transmit the image data of the decided format to the printer.

Referring to the cited rejecting references, Applicant notes that the Small reference discloses that a camera up-loads parameters for image processing from a printer and performs image processing on image data based on the parameters. Small, however, does not disclose deciding whether image data of a first format or image data of a second format is to be transmitted based on a communication speed between the camera and the printer and a configuration of the printer.

The cited Rissman patent, on the other hand, discloses a digital camera ready-printer that converts a selected frame of image data to be printed into print data in order to print the image data. In this regard, Rissman also fails to disclose deciding the format of image data to be transmitted from a camera based on a communication speed between the camera and the printer and a configuration of the printer.

For these reasons it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 69 together with dependent Claims 70-77 are all allowable, wherefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Should any fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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